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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

for NAUGATUCK

2014 Legislative Champion Award: I am honored to have been awarded a 2014 Legislative Award by the CT Alliance for YMCA.



Addressing Mental Health Issues

The horrific events in Newtown turned the spotlight on the state's mental health system and drew attention to the urgent need to provide comprehensive behavioral health care to persons with mental illness, especially children.

One of the reasons children do not receive timely care is that some health insurance companies fail to cover critical components of that care, according to the parents and practitioners who have contacted me. That is why, as Chairman of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, I proposed legislation that would require health insurance companies to cover the following services:

- Behavioral health assessments
- Consultation and collaboration among practitioners
- Consultations between practitioners and family

Fighting Rising Electric Rates

I strongly oppose the rate hike granted to CL&P. I am especially troubled by the increase in the residential fixed customer charge—an increase that goes into effect whether or not you turn on the lights. The new rates are unaffordable for many people on fixed incomes and undermine the conservation measures that many residents have pursued. I believe we must evaluate the situation during the next legislative session.



Funding for Naugatuck

- **\$250,000** for the Naugatuck Housing Authority Oak Terrace
- **\$3 Million** for the Maple Street Bridge over Naugatuck River
- **\$1.1 Million** in school safety grants for 7 Naugatuck Schools
- Naugatuck received a new school readiness expansion grant to allow eight additional students to attend preschool during the 2014-15 school year.
- **\$1.59 million** in additional education funding through the state Alliance District Education Grant for the 2014-15 school year.